

Model United Nations Club

February 17, 2011

Dear parents of MUN Club members,

The members of the Model United Nations Club are excited to be traveling to a conference next week. They have been busy preparing for this conference by researching world issues and practicing debates. The teachers are proud of their efforts and very happy that these students will represent our school at the conference. Thank you for supporting your child's efforts in the MUN program.

The details of the conference and travel costs are listed below. Your cooperation in meeting the payment details is greatly appreciated. Funds can be handed directly to Mr. Robinson. A copy of this letter, as well as general information about the MUN program, can be found at the MUN Club wiki. <http://munhz.wikispaces.com>

Name of Conference	ACAMIS Middle School MUN Conference, hosted by Nanjing International School	
Conference Dates	Friday, February 25, and Saturday, February 26.	
Conference Web Address	The conference handbook can be found at the MUN Club wiki: http://munhz.wikispaces.com/Nanjing+Middle+School+MUN	
Teachers traveling with students	Jacqueline Bindzi Nathaniel Hudson (Mr. Robinson will join the trip on Saturday)	
Dates of Travel	Thursday, February 24	Saturday, February 26
Details	Depart HIS at 2:30 pm via school van. Depart Hangzhou at 4:09 pm on train G7388. Arrive in Nanjing at 6:54 pm. Taxi to hotel. Dinner at a restaurant within walking distance of the hotel.	The conference ends at 4:00 pm. We will eat dinner before leaving for the train station. Depart Nanjing International School via taxi at 6:00 pm. Depart Nanjing at 7:25 pm via train G7389. Arrive at Hangzhou train station at 10:13 pm. A school van will return us to HIS shortly before 11:00 pm.
Hotel Details	White Egret Hotel 68 DaShiBa Jie Confucian Temple Phone: 025-8687-9999	白鹭宾馆 南京夫子庙大石坝街68号
Students attending the conference	Grade 8: Stephanie Tang, Kathryn Yin Grade 7: Tian Robinson, Mackinley Wang-Xu	

The costs for this conference are:

Registration	100 RMB
Train Tickets	500 RMB (a one-way ticket is 250 RMB)
Hotel Rooms	250 RMB

The school will cover the teacher's expenses. Students will need to bring some spending money for meals (see below). Transportation within Nanjing will be via taxi, a cost that will be covered by HIS. Incidentally, the commute from the hotel to the school will require approximately 30 minutes.

The following is a list of items that are needed for a Model United Nations trip.

Passport	A passport is needed to check in to the hotel. Passports will be collected and held by the teachers and then returned to students at the end of the trip.
Suggested 50 RMB per day for food.	The group will eat dinner on Thursday near the hotel, which is in downtown Nanjing. Breakfasts are eaten at the hotel at a cost of 25 RMB per person. Dinner on Saturday will be at a restaurant near the school.
Business attire for the conference	Male delegates are expected to wear a suit jacket, tie and dress shoes, not sneakers. Female delegates may wear a nice blouse with sweater or a suit with pants or skirt.
Paper and pen, and some schoolbooks.	During the conference, students write notes. Also, many papers are handed to them. It is helpful to have a folder or binder to manage all of this material. Students are also required to manage their schoolwork during their absence. The train ride is nearly three hours long, providing an opportunity for reading.
A USB flash drive	At the conference, students combine the resolution they have written with other delegates' resolutions. An electronic copy of their resolution is essential.
Warm clothes and a warm coat.	The conference director warned us that the weather in Nanjing is very changeable at this time of year. Last year, it snowed at the time of the conference. Students should bring their winter clothing and can expect colder temperatures than we experience in Hangzhou.
Students are responsible for any electronic equipment they bring. The use of MP3 players is not allowed during the conference hours. Computers are supplied at the school for doing the normal work required of the conference, such as combining resolutions with those written by other delegates.	

This conference has a special additional feature. The MUN delegates will join the middle school students of Nanjing International School in a "games night." This two-hour event on Friday night offers the students three activities: board games, gym games (basketball and badminton), and swimming. Students need an extra bag to contain their clothes for the event and must bring this bag to the conference with them on Friday. As can be seen from the schedule, there is not sufficient time for returning to the hotel on Friday evening before the game night activities begin. Students must bring a hanger for their MUN clothes and the required attire for games night. Tennis shoes are required for entrance to the gym. A swimming suit, towel, and dry clothes are required for the pool activities. Those entering the pool must also tie back long hair. The pool has an obstacle course, and a picture of it has been placed on the club wiki page related to this conference (see link above).

Thank you, again, for supporting your child's participation in MUN. If you have any question, please contact me at the school or through hismun@scischina.org.

Sincerely,

Thomas Robinson
HIS MUN Coordinator